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Chairman, Federal Communications Commission
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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The International Latino Cultural Center of Chicago is a Pan-Latino, multidisciplinary organization dedicated to cultivating and promoting awareness of all Latino cultures through a wide variety of art forms, including film, music, dance, comedy and theater. We could not bring the voices of our community to the world without impactful and sustained partnerships with companies like Comcast.

Please approve the proposed Comcast - Time Warner Cable transaction so that many new areas can benefit from the company's multicultural, far-reaching community investments and collaborations.

In 2010, our organization launched the Chicago Latino Filmmaker Program in partnership with Comcast. The company's implementation of this program demonstrates the hallmark of Comcast service that we have seen in Chicago - a holistic service that integrates the diversity and strength of our communities with world-class technology. The company's *On Demand* service started offering short sample reels from local filmmakers, all of who had previously participated in our Chicago Latino Film Festival. These six filmmakers gained nationwide exposure from the program. The initiative demonstrates Comcast's devotion to independent, diverse programming. I can attest that his commitment is not just present for Chicago organizations, but for communities and voices across the country.

We understand that Comcast's millions of subscribers have access to tens of thousands of cable programs every day. These programming choices stretch beyond the options available to Time Warner customers. Comcast carries over 160 independent networks. The wide array of offerings empower minorities by allowing them access to content for and by them. We can aid artists in creating and spreading their craft here in Chicago, but Comcast's reach enables greater access to our country's cultural vitality.

Please approve the Comcast - Time Warner Cable transaction so that Comcast can expand and deepen its commitments and improve many more communities. Thank You!


Pepe Vargas
Executive Director